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| <b>Search Notes</b><br><br> | <b>Application/Control No.</b><br><br>09778259 | <b>Applicant(s)/Patent Under Reexamination</b><br><br>REMEDIOS ET AL. |
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| Consulted with Dave Nguyen (QAS) with respect to Richardson reference. It is still a valid 102 (b) since all the steps are disclosed, albeit minor differences may exist. But, the key is the teaching "metal effectively displaces orange acridine dye from the DNA" for detection (Screening). Furthermore, the wording "contacting" is broad, It could mean mixing all three together. Mr. Nguyen indicates the "environmental sample" may have patentable weight. see below | 5/28/2008  | JC       |
| Mr. Nguyen suggests Applicant submit remarks with respect to the understanding of ordinary skill in the art on this "environmental sample".<br>Nguyen Dave- consulted with "environmental samples"- for 103 (a) rejection   | 11/13/2008 | JC       |

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